

## Attitude

Mankind has tried to make Christianity and going to Heaven as effortless as possible today. The goal is to see how much we can get away with, how little we actually have to do, and just how close to sin we can get and still go to Heaven.

According to many “religions,” Christians do not have to dress any differently than the rest of the world. Christians do not have to act any differently than the rest of the world. Christians can go all the same places as the rest of the world. And why do we always say, “I have to do this” and “I have to do that?” And we also say, “well I do not feel I have to go to church in order to go to Heaven. I don’t have to study my Bible to go to Heaven. I don’t have to partake the Lord’s Supper, or pray, or sing, or give in order to go to Heaven.” Basically, we do not have to do anything. Why is it we do not have to do anything today, but the early Christians in the New Testament did? Why do we have to be forced to obey God? Why do the things written in God’s Word not apply to us today? Why do we not ask ourselves, “Is this right?” instead of only asking, “Is there anything wrong with this?” There is nothing wrong with drinking. There is nothing wrong with gambling. There is nothing wrong with wearing immodest clothes. There is nothing wrong with having sex with whomever I want. Why does the Bible refer to suffering as a Christian, or being persecuted for following Christ, or being reviled as a Christian if we do not have to act any differently than the rest of the world? Why does the Bible refer to Christians as a peculiar people if the world cannot tell us apart from the rest of the world (Titus 2:14)? Why does Romans 12:2 tell Christians they are to not be conformed to this world but rather be transformed? Why does Ephesians 2:15; 4:24 and Colossians 3:10 describe a Christian as being a new man if we do not have to be any different than before we became a Christian?

We are to be different from the rest of the world! The Bible is a guide to teach us how God wants us to be. More than anything we are to be like Christ. Was Christ different from the rest of the world? Absolutely! He was known throughout the land as being different.

It all comes down to attitude. Every time I say I don’t want to do something God wants me to do I have the wrong attitude. Every time I don’t attend worship services or Bible study, I am saying I don’t want to give God the glory and don’t want to spend time with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Every time I don’t study my Bible daily, I am saying I don’t care what God has to say. Every time I don’t pray to God every day, I am saying I can live my life without God. It’s all about attitude.

Watch your thoughts, they become words.

Watch your words, they become actions.

Watch your actions, they become habits.

Watch your habits, they become your character.

Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.